

We discovered a weighting problem with the housing unit data from the 2008 NYCHVS. The problem involves applying an incorrect base weight to some of the sample units built after Census 2000. Because of the nature of the weighting process, correcting this problem affects the weights for all housing units in the survey including those built prior to Census 2000. The differences between the original and revised data are very small. The level of statistical reliability of the data will be the same.

We have corrected the problem and posted a new public use file. The tables (Series IA, IB, IIA and IIB) will be updated to reflect this correction in the next several weeks.

Please see the following table for a comparison of original versus revised data for the selected characteristics.

Table of Selected Characteristics

Characteristic	Original Data	Revised Data	Difference
Total housing units	3,328,648	3,328,395	-253
Rent stabilized housing units	1,026,839	1,023,247	-3,592
Rent controlled units	40,480	39,901	-579
Homeownership rate	32.9%	32.9%	0.0
Rental vacancy rate	2.88%	2.91%	+0.03
Median household income *			
All households	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Renter households	\$36,000	\$36,200	+\$200
Owner households	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
Median household income – rent stabilized units *	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0
Median household income – rent controlled units *	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Median gross rent – all renter units	\$1,054	\$1,057	+\$3
Median contract rent			
All renter units	\$950	\$950	\$0
Rent stabilized units	\$925	\$925	\$0
Rent controlled units	\$721	\$721	\$0
Median gross rent/income ratio *			
All renter units	31.5%	31.5%	0.0
Rent stabilized units	31.6%	31.7%	+0.1
Rent controlled units	35.5%	35.5%	0.0
Proportion of renter households paying more than 50% of income for gross rent *	29.4%	29.4%	0.0
Percentage of renter occupied units in dilapidated buildings	0.6%	0.6%	0.0
Percentage of renter occupied units with no maintenance deficiencies	45.7%	45.9%	+0.2
Percentage of renter households with good/excellent opinion of neighborhood	71.8%	71.8%	0.0
Percentage of renter households with buildings with broken or boarded-up windows on same street	5.1%	5.1%	0.0

* Medians/Percentages are computed from the public use file and will differ slightly from medians shown in tables due to topcoding. Many variables on the public use, such as income, are topcoded, while the data shown in the tables are based on non-topcoded data.